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## Gov. Beshear announces Transportation Enhancement funding for city of Columbia

Investment will enhance appearance of downtown area

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced \$12,500 in funding for a Transportation Enhancement (TE) project in downtown Columbia.

The money will allow the city to install underground electrical service around its public square to provide enhanced lighting. The project will also include the installation of brick pavers over the utility ditches to beautify the area where Kentucky highways 55, 80 and 61 converge.

"My administration is working to help local communities thrive," said Gov. Beshear. "By making this investment in the beautification of downtown Columbia we are promoting a better quality of life and community pride."

The TE program offers federal funding for unique and creative approaches that integrate transportation into a community in an environmentally friendly way.

Information about TE is available at <a href="http://www.tea21.ky.gov">http://www.tea21.ky.gov</a>.